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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Protection of Intelligence Sources and Methods



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The attached memorandum from the Chairman of the Security Committee is forwarded for information and review.

In view of the nature of the recommendations of the Security Committee, we do not presently propose to place this matter on the agenda of an Intelligence Board meeting. Rather, we will consider that the Board members have noted the report and approved the Committee's recommendations unless, prior to close of business on 4 June, a member objects or requests that this matter be discussed further at an Intelligence Board meeting.



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Executive Secretary

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CONCLUSIONS:

- (1) That the U.S. News and World Report article entitled "Why U.S. Planes Patrol Red Frontiers" does not constitute an unauthorized disclosure of intelligence and intelligence sources and methods.
- (2) That further inquiry into this matter is not warranted.
- (3) That probable harm has been done the national security through publicity concerning a current classified intelligence collection program of the Government.
- (4) That any official confirmation of the substantive elements of this article will tend to encourage additional publicity and increase the possibility of further unauthorized disclosures.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That no further inquiry be conducted and this matter be considered closed.
- (2) That no official confirmation be given by any member agency or department to the elements of the article which concern current classified intelligence collection methods.
- (3) That this report and the attached analysis of the article be circulated to the member agencies and departments as an example of the harm resulting from these apparent unauthorized disclosures.


R. L. Bannerman
Chairman

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